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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



In the few short weeks since I became president of T.N.A., I have never heard so much enthusiasm as shown in the letters received. This is what T.N.A. needs to get over the top. There is a lot of difference between belonging to and working for T.N.A., and everyone seems to be working really hard to put T.N.A. on the top.

I would like to see clubs around the state consider giving T.N.A. memberships as door prizes occasionally. The junior members could be sponsored by their local clubs. The juniors are tomorrow's leaders in numismatics - I don't think we should let them down. Let's give them every opportunity possible to learn about numismatics. Helen Floerke, youth program chairman, is doing a fine job in this area, and I'm sure she would welcome any help you could give.

Don't forget to send in your nomination for the Lewis Reagan Memorial Award. Nominations should be in by January 1, and mailed to Mrs. Augusta Folda, T.N.A. secretary. Let's not make this a popularity contest. Select someone that you honestly think has contributed the most to numismatics in Texas.

The re-vamping of the T.N.A. Constitution and By-Laws is well underway. Any changes or ideas that you may have will be welcomed by the committee composed of John Hill, Joe Davis and Ellis Brooks. Send them your proposed changes NOW!

The 1968 convention is shaping up very nicely. Everyone is working hard to make this the best ever, and I'm sure it will be - thanks to Frank O'Sullivan, convention chairman; Tom Bain, convention coordinator; and the San Antonio clubs. Make your plans now to attend.

I received a letter the other day postmarked "North Pole" with the following message:

Dear Santa Claus:

We would like to ask a special favor of you this year. We call ourselves The Texas Numismatic Association, and we have some of the finest people on earth as our members, but you know how busy people are at this time of the year - they tend to forget to attend to the little things that do not seem important. As you go to the homes of the members of this great organization we would like for you to leave a note among the packages reminding them that they should not for-

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# *Coins - The Lord's Missionaries*

BY DORIS MARTIN  
Houston, Texas

Man's aspirations, beliefs, deeds, and pastimes are revealed through his legacy of art. It matters not whether this legacy be music, architecture, sculpture, writing or any other art form. All reflect the life of the time.

Among our valued legacies are ancient coins. These small metal messengers bear mute witness of the struggles, the defeats, and the final triumph of Christianity. We have but to link them to the time, the place, and the event. Shall we begin?

As on more modern coinage, the ancient coins' stories are recorded by using symbols, inscriptions and life-like images. Most of the story we will tell is found on the coinage of the Byzantine Empire. It is true that these coins leave much to be desired from an art standpoint but no other series is so rich in meaning. This story cannot be told from one series alone so it will be necessary to step back in time now and then.

## **SYMBOLS**

The first and most widely used symbol is the cross. The cross in different forms ante-dates written history. We know nothing of its origin or primitive meaning. Christianity does not claim to have originated the form nor did she borrow it from paganism. It is a direct inheritance from Christ. Because of the meaningful association with His death, the cross, as we know it, is the adopted symbol of Christianity - a reminder of God's love and man's hope.

Perhaps the first usage of the cross as a Christian symbol is found on an Indo-Parthian bronze, 1st century A.D. The reverse shows a king



Indo-Parthian bronze, 1st Century A.D. King Gondophares holds cross.

on horseback carrying a crude cross before him. This coin is considered a religious commemorative celebrating the return from India of King Gondophares, one of the Wise Men. We know the Apostle Thomas was in India around this time. Having witnessed the birth of Jesus and then later hearing Thomas preach, it is no wonder that Gondophares returned a Christian. The wonder is that historians have now correctly classified this coin giving us proof of the connection.

Honorius, a western emperor, 393-423, used the cross on a bronze coin. This seems to be the first Roman coin to feature a cross. However, about the same time, Arcadius, an eastern emperor, also used the cross potent on a gold tremissis. Then he took the matter a bit farther by using a globe with the cross potent on top. The globus cruciger, as this form is called, is found on his gold semissis. This was an important step for a ruler to take. Before, the globe was always topped with the goddess, Victory, giving her credit for aiding the ruler's conquests. Victory, who strongly resembles our Angel, was given wings so that she could fly triumphantly over conquered lands.

Leo I, another eastern emperor, 457-474, made a bold move. He tried to picture himself holding the globus cruciger! It is as if he said, "I, Leo,



Solidus, 467-472 A.D. Kings hold globus and cruciger.

proclaim the aid of Christ." About this time coins also featured Victory holding the globus cruciger and/or a long cross. Thus she became a sort of hybrid goddess - a pagan with Christian belief nibbling at her conscience.



Solidus of Tiberius II. Cross on 3 steps.

After some time, it seems that the rulers realized that Victory was a pagan regardless of what attributes she held. In 574, Tiberius II of Byzantium used the cross potent mounted on three steps as the main reverse type. There is a difference of opinion about the meaning of the three steps. Some say it represents "Faith, Hope, and Charity." Others believe it represents the "Trinity." Perhaps the latter has some substance since Constantius II, who ruled some 200 years previously, is credited with establishing the doctrine of the Trinity. It is reasonable to assume he inherited his belief from his grandmother, Helena, a devout Christian. It is comforting to think that a century later a ruler also believed in the Trinity and proclaimed his belief.

#### THE CHRISTOGRAM

Constantine I the Great was the first Roman emperor to profess Christianity. During the Battle of Milvian

Bridge, his troops carried the labarum, a military banner emblazoned with Christ's monogram. The monogram or Christogram was formed by arranging the first two letters of the Greek word for Christ. Constantine used the Christogram as a symbol on a few coins. However, a most poignant symbol is found on a small bronze issued after his death. He is shown in a chariot rising from the earth with the hand of God above. This is the first coin using a symbolic representation of God. Could it abide to Elijah's ascent into heaven? (2 Kings 11:12.)

Our record would not be complete without mention of a coin issued some 65 years before Constantine's reign. This was a Trajan Decius coin which shows a Christogram. This brings up a question. History does not tell us that Trajan Decius had any Christian ideas. If such unexplained coin turned up among modern issues, we would label it a mint error. It is interesting to speculate: Who, why, how, and what happened to the responsible party?

Many later rulers made coins featuring the Christogram in different forms - atop a globe, as the head of a staff, on the labarum. Sometime the object was held by the ruler and sometimes by Victory. Either way, the same meaning was conveyed.

We wait until circa 350 to see the Christogram used alone as a main reverse type. Both Magnentius and Constantius II used this on their bronze folles. It is a moot question as to who was the first since they ruled different territories during the same period. Who pre-empted the other is of little consequence so let's get on with the examination of their coins. On either side of the Christogram we see an Alpha (A) and an Omega (W). These letters are considered a direct reference to the Lord's words as told

by John, "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end." (Rev. 21:6)



Solidus, Flacilla. Victory draws Christogram on shield.

Flacilla, wife of Theodosius I, 379-395, issued a gold tremissis with a Christogram within a wreath. However, her most meaningful reverse is found on both a gold solidus and a bronze. Here we see Victory seated drawing the Christogram on a shield. Surely this is telling us that paganism is losing the struggle. Since coins of that day served as a form of bulletin board, the rulers were openly acknowledging their turn to Christianity.

Thus we find the Christogram carrying a profound message - a beacon of faith which was beginning to prevail.

#### IMAGES OF CHRIST AND VIRGIN MARY

When Marcian, an eastern emperor, 450-457, married Pulcheria, who was a consecrated Christian, he issued a gold solidus commemorating the event. This coin is memorable since it is the very first coin to picture Christ. On the reverse of this solidus, Christ is seen between Marcian and his bride blessing their marriage. If you want to see this unique coin, we wish you "Bon Voyage" because you will sail for Glasgow, Scotland.

It was close to 200 years later before we find another coin featuring a portrait of Christ as a main coin type. This historical coin was issued by Justinian II. He issued two types - Christ with flowing hair and long



Solidi of Justinian II. Christ with long hair and beard. Christ with short hair and beard.

beard and with short curly hair and a short beard. Both show a facing bust of Christ superimposed on a cross with the letters IC XC, standing for Jesus Christ.

Around 726 the iconoclastic movement was revived and the use of images of Christ or other Christian symbols was abolished. It was 842 before we again see Christ on coins.

Not until the reign of John I Zimisces, 969-976, is Christ's portrait used on a bronze. This large coin features Christ on the obverse with a four-line inscription on the reverse. It is the first coin without the ruler's name.



Solidus, Basil I. Christ seated on throne.

Basil I, 866-886, issued the first coins showing Christ enthroned. His solidus shows Christ seated facing on a throne. His right hand is raised in benediction as he holds a book of Gospels. This coin makes no claim to beauty but it is of great significance as a Christian messenger.

It seems to me that the coin issued by Michael VIII, 1261-1282, tells the final story. He pictures the king kneeling before Christ! Indeed, a most humble and positive demon-

stration of the eminence of our Lord.

Leo VI, 886-879, was the first ruler to feature the Virgin Mary. One of his solidi shows the Virgin facing with hands raised in prayer. Across the coin's top we find the inscription "MARIA" with the letters MP OV meaning "Mother of God." This is another historic first.



Solidus, Leo VI, Virgin Mary with hands raised in prayer.

John J. Zimisees attributed his victories over the Russians to the blessings of the Mother of God and commemorated this belief by showing her likeness on many coins. A solidus shows the Virgin crowning John I with the hand of God above. A large silver coin shows the bust of the Virgin holding a medallion of the bust of the Infant Jesus. This is the first time we have seen the infant portrayed on a coin.

There is no plainer way to tell the world that the ruler is turning to Christianity than to feature sacred images on the coins of the realm.

### INSCRIPTIONS

No doubt the symbols and likenesses carried the meaning to the public of ancient times. So few could read. That was unfortunate since they missed the significant messages carried by the inscriptions. But on the other hand, this may have prompted the rulers to use inscriptions more freely! Since our camera can do little to help show the inscription, we will tell about a few to show how they developed and how they reinforced symbolic meanings.

The Indo Parthian coin previously mentioned was probably the first

time a religious inscription appeared on a coin. It read, "King of Kings, the great Saviour." This is the meaning given "Soter Megas" found on the coin that long caused confused attribution.

Marcian issued bronzes inscribed "DOMINI NOMINE" - "In the name of the Lord." Olybrius, 472, introduced a new reverse for solidi, a cross with the inscription "SALVS MVNDI" -- "The salvation of the world." Tiberius II, who featured a cross on three steps on all gold issued, made a small silver coin with a cross inscribed "LUX MVNDI" - "Light of the world."

Heraclius, 610-641, as ruler of Byzantium, aided in rescuing the Holy Cross from the Persians and returning it to Jerusalem. His silver coin of 615 shows a cross resting on a globe atop three steps and inscribed "God help to Romans." Here he is asking for God's assistance and after the cross is restored he issued a 20 nummia inscribed "In this sign thou shalt conquer."

As you remember, Justinian II issued the first coin with Christ's portrait. His inscriptions also introduced some firsts. "IHS," an abbreviation for Jesus, is used in his first inscription "Jesus Christ conquers." There is some question as to which side he intended for the obverse. We can't settle the question but we can tell you that he was the first ruler to inscribe a coin referring to himself as



Solidi, Olybrius and Theophilus, Coin on left: "The salvation of the world." Cross Potent. Coin on right: "Lord protect thy servant." Patriarchal Cross.

"Servant of Christ." If this tips the scale in favor of calling the side with Christ's portrait the obverse, we're all for it.

Theophilus, 829-842, issued the first coins using the patriarchal cross. He also introduced on coins the familiar legend found on Byzantine seals and monuments "Lord protect thy servant."

There are many, many more inscriptions of importance. Enough have been mentioned to show the trend. Inscriptions began timidly with abbreviations and monograms then as Christianity became more "popular" and widely accepted, they became more meaningful and more boldly told of the acceptance of Christ.

Thus coins humbly and silently carry on the Lord's missionary work. And if this story adds to the meaningfulness of this 1,967th birthday of Christ, it has fulfilled its mission. May God bless.

(Main References: The Bible; The Story of Civilization, Will Durant, Vol. III, The Caesars and Christ; Christian Teaching of Coin Mottoes, Wm. Allan and L. Zimmerman; Imperial Byzantine Coins, Warwick Wroth; Roman Coins, Harold Mattingly.)

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE— (Continued from Page 4)

get to send their T.N.A. dues for 1968. This would be the finest present that we could possibly ask for. Maybe some of them will even send in some new members. Thank you very much for your help.

#### The T.N.A. Family

Santa Claus assured me that he would remind everyone to "get on the ball" and remember to send in their dues. The dues for 1968 have been increased to \$4. Get them in now so you won't have to be thinking about them over the holidays. Merry Christmas and a most prosperous New Year to you and yours.



**T.N.A. OFFICIALS** - Frank O'Sullivan, center, general chairman of the 10th T.N.A. convention, is being congratulated on his appointment by T.N.A. Convention Coordinator Tom Bain of Dallas, left, and T.N.A. President Bill Brothers of San Angelo. The convention will be held at the Gunter Hotel in downtown San Antonio June 17-19. The three have laid the necessary groundwork to insure that a spectacular convention is held in the Alamo City during the world-famous HemisFair. It will be co-sponsored by the Alamo and Gateway Coin Clubs of San Antonio and promises to have the largest attendance of any numismatic convention held in the great Southwest.

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### CHRISTMAS CUSTOM

In Mexico all the Christmas gifts are put in earthenware jugs called "pinatas" which are suspended from the ceiling. On Christmas Eve the children are blindfolded and given one chance to break the "pinata" with a stick. As the jar breaks there is a mad scramble after the presents.

# A NUMISMATIC PROFILE



Pop Wilder

Max B. ("Pop") Wilder is the one indispensable man for Austin Coin Club's annual "Money Mart."

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At this year's "Money Mart," a group of the Austin club officials were praising Pop behind Pop's back, and one of them commented, "Pop Wilder has been the most faithful, most dependable individual we've ever seen . . . I just don't know how we'd ever get along without him!"

On September 21, at the 1967 "Money Mart" awards breakfast, the club publicly voiced its appreciation of Pop Wilder and presented him with a large, engraved tray. No award was more deserved!

Without specializing in any one numismatic field, Pop is interested in coins as a whole. His prime interest in life is helping people . . . and that he does!



## from the historian

Mrs. Ruby Threlkeld

1023 Holly St.  
La Marque, Tex.

I would like to thank these thoughtful people who send me material regularly for the T.N.A. history book. Without their help I would really have a big job filling the many pages in the book.

Mrs. Wilfred Hutchins, Celestine Coin Club; Mrs. Lois Perin, World Coin Club, Corpus Christi; Mrs. Chris Polos, Pasadena Coin Club; Mrs. Ava Setzer, Center



Ruby Threlkeld

Coin Club; Mrs. Miriam Gilmore, Valley coin clubs; Mrs. G. M. Howard, Wichita Falls Coin Club; J. P. Jones, Waco Coin Club; E. H. Brooks, San Angelo Coin Club; Lyman Bartee, Austin Coin Club; C. H. Babcock, Beaumont Coin Club; and Bob Bridges, Corpus Christi.

I would like to ask what has happened to Districts 1, 2, 5, 9, 10 and 11. Where are all the promises you gave me? I can't paste those in our book. I know you have had some shows in your area and I'm sure you have programs and meetings each month. Why not let the rest of us in on what you are doing? How many of you are planning parties for Christmas? Send us some news and pictures. I like getting "lumpy mail." If you have any wooden nickels or elongated cents that are in your way, please enclose them with your clippings and pictures.

# from the secretary

Texas Numismatic Association

Mrs. Augusta Folda  
441 Miramar Place  
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Applicant 1779 has been sent his membership card.

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## CHANGE OF ADDRESS

C-2 San Antonio Coin Club, c/o Seth L. Godwin, Pres., 4919 View Dr., San Antonio, Tex. 78228.

## SERVICES HELD FOR WM. HANKS

Services for Airline Capt. William L. Hanks, 48, of San Antonio, were held November 6 at Porter Loring Chapel in San Antonio with burial in Sunset Memorial Park. Capt. Hanks, former chief pilot of Aaxico Airlines, died in Detroit, Mich. November 2. He was a native of Alabama.

Capt. Hanks conducted the auction during the 1965 Texas Numismatic Assn. convention held in Corpus Christi.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Marjorie J. Hanks; son, William II, and daughter, Sherry Ann, all of San Antonio.

## WEATHER FORECAST

Warm Wishes followed by bright stars and calm skies. Bright Christmas Day with increasing warmth of spirit, followed by blue skies and golden sunshine in the Happiest New Year of all.

# from the librarian

T.N.A. Memorial Library

Wally Gilmore

Box 74, Weslaco, Texas 78596

T.N.A. President Bill Brothers has appointed R. A. Glascock and Al Naumann, both of San Antonio, to serve on the T.N.A. Memorial Library committee. They will keep us informed of any new books which appear on the numismatic scene and occasionally review books contained in the T.N.A. library which is numbering close to 300, having grown leaps and bounds in the past three years. Any ideas, suggestions or complaints may be directed to my department or to the library committee. We appreciate new, fresh thoughts.

We are again calling attention to clubs failing to send return postage when borrowing slide sets. Very few clubs have reimbursed the library with postage. Clubs are responsible in furnishing postage and insurance both ways - a small fee for an enjoyable program. The usual postage is only 7¢ (library rate) and 30¢ for insuring it for \$50. We will take postage stamps gladly if it is inconvenient to send cash. Each time we pay for the transportation of a set, it means dipping into the library fund

which is designated for purchase of additional books and slide sets only. So next time your club borrows a set - include the postage, please.

During October eight sets were sent out with 11 scheduled for November. Two books were sent to one borrower.

Please add the following to your library list:

A-7 Numismatic Illustrations of the New Testament, 1966 by John Y. Akerman. Purchased with library funds.

H-14p The History of Modern Israel's Money, 1917 to 1967, 1st edition, by Sylvia Haffner. Purchased with library funds.

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## NEWS ROUNDUP - A.N.A.

By GEORGE MATHER  
Corpus Christi, Texas  
A.N.A. Representative

### THE SECRET IS OUT !!

The theme for National Coin Week 1968 is "History Under Glass."

Clark Yowell, president of the Colorado Springs Numismatic Society and 1968 chairman of N.C.W., may be addressed in care of A.N.A. headquarters, Box 2366, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80901, to ask for entry blanks and details.

Now you can start planning your publicity and exhibits. Clubs who have not already done so should appoint N.C.W. chairmen. Nothing this representative has experienced in numismatics can rival the exhilaration of working with other club members toward the common goal of creating a winning N.C.W. entry. No joy of fellowship can surpass that experienced while working together with others to clip publicity, take pictures, plan and display exhibits, make numismatic talks, meet new people, make new friends, and above all, share oneself with others.

Recommended for your reading are the November A.N.A. Club Bulletin (front page) and page 1429 in the November issue of *The Numismatist*. Follow the suggestions and work toward a new thrill in numismatics with "History Under Glass." National Coin Week will be April 21 through 27, 1968.

A follow-up of the emphasis on the A.N.A. Youth program during the Miami convention may be found



George Mather

starting on page 1395 of the November *Numismatist*. There you will find the speech delivered by Paul Whitnah as a participant in the Educational Forum. This is the first time I know of a junior being one of the panel members and it is well worth your reading time - CLUBS AND JUNIOR MEMBERS TAKE NOTICE! You see there what can be done. Who, in the name of Texas, is next?

The Home and Headquarters is open to the public and a recent visitor was McLeod P. Chapman, Consul General of New Zealand, who presented a specimen set of coins of his country to William C. Henderson, A.N.A. treasurer. The coins presented represent both the former pounds and shillings system and the new decimal system which became effective July 10, 1967. The museum in the new headquarters is open to the public, free of charge, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday and Ed Rochette, Acting Executive Director, writes that the girls "have instructions that the red carpet is to be rolled out to any and every visitor regardless of whether an A.N.A. member or not." If you have an opportunity I hope you will walk on that red carpet!

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They call it legal tender - that green and lovely stuff -  
It's tender when you have it - but  
when you don't, it's tough!

### MISTLETOE

The mistletoe was believed to have healing power. The Saxons gave it its name and it was taken over at Christmas as a token of a kiss of goodwill.

# EVENTS CALENDAR

## DECEMBER 2-3

PASADENA COIN CLUB'S annual Gulf Coast Coin Show, Gulfgate Auditorium, Houston. Write: H. E. Nichols, 1001 S. Witter, Pasadena 77502.



## 1965 SEASON

### FEBRUARY 2-4

GREATER HOUSTON COIN CLUB'S annual "Money Show," Rice Hotel. Write Frank Castleberry, Box 2963, Houston, Tex. 77001.



### MARCH 1-3

BROWNSVILLE COIN CLUB & TIP - O - TEXAS COLLECTORS' ASSN., annual Wildcat Show, Civic Center, Brownsville. Write: Jim Hollon, 1350 W. Elizabeth, Brownsville.



### MARCH 2-3

MINERAL WELLS COIN CLUB annual show, Baker Hotel. Contact Donald Bond, Clnb Sec., 203 N.W. 33rd, Mineral Wells, Tex. 76067.



### MARCH 16-17

CORPUS CHRISTI COIN CLUB annual show, Driscoll Hotel. Gen. Chmn.: Fred J. Floerke, Rt. 1, Box 20, Taft, Tex. 78390.



### MARCH 30-31

GREATER PORT ARTHUR COIN CLUB, 9th annual show, Thomas Jefferson High School cafeteria. Write: Lloyd Buss, Box 3051, Port Arthur 77640.



### APRIL 21-27

NATIONAL COIN WEEK, sponsored by American Numismatic As-

sociation. Theme = "History Under Glass."



### JUNE 17-19

TEXAS NUMISMATIC ASSN. — 10th Convention, Ginter Hotel, San Antonio, Tex. Contact: Frank O'Sullivan, Box 5526, San Antonio 78201.



### JUNE 22-23

LOUISIANA NUMISMATIC ASSN., Shreveport Coin Club, Convention Hall, Shreveport, La. Contact Henry J. Cangelose, 5720 Jewalla Rd., Shreveport 77109.

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## Philatelic Monthly Being Published

The Whitman Publishing Company of Racine, Wise, is announcing the publishing of a new, monthly philatelic publication - The Gibbons - Whitman Stamp Monthly. The new publication was first released in mid-summer and is available by subscription or at newsstands and stamp shops.

Issues will contain many articles of interest written by leading philatelic writers. Ervin J. Felix is the editor.

For further information, write Gibbons-Whitman Stamp Monthly, 1220 Mound Ave., Racine, Wise. 53404.

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## NATION'S CHRISTMAS TREE

In 1925 the famous General Grant tree, located in the General Grant National Park was designated as the Nation's Christmas tree. Near Fresno, Calif., the tree is a Giant Sequoia, the so-called "Bigtree." It stands 267 feet high and is one of the most celebrated in the United States. Christmas devotional and patriotic services are held beneath the tree to large audiences.



# DISTRICT MEETINGS

## DISTRICT ONE:

A large number of numismatists exhibited their collections at the annual coin show hosted by the Fort Worth Coin Club in early October. The show was held in the Crystal Ballroom of Hotel Texas.

Highlight of the Fall event was a lecture on counterfeit coins given by Virgil Hancock, T.N.A. first vice president. The forums are under the auspices of T.N.A. and many clubs over the state have had Hancock as their guest for lectures and counterfeit coin displays.

Also on view for the visiting public was an 1804 silver dollar.

Exhibit winners included Douglas Wark of Sarasota, Fla., who took best in show and second place in miscellanous; U. S. coins, Bill Moss, Barbara Baker and Wilson Baker; foreign, Charles Miller, Roger Earwood and Mrs. Leora Baker; miscellanous, William Rust, first and third, and Wark, second. In the junior division, winners were Nancy Sultania and Howard Luke Jr. — Joe W. Neal, Exhibit Chmn.



## DISTRICT TWO:

Members participating in the recent Tall City Coin Show sponsored by the Midland Coin Club gave reports on their activities at the October club meeting. There were 11 exhibits and eight bourse tables at the show.



Wilma Shuster  
Governor

Twenty one members and visitors were present at the meeting. R. E. Howard acted as auctioneer. — R. E. Howard, Publicity.



## DISTRICT THREE:

The monthly meeting of the Big Spring Coin Club was held in the John H. Lee Service Club, Webb Air Force Base, in October with Dois McKee presiding in the absence of both the president and vice president.



J. G. Pfluger  
Governor

W. E. Wozencraft, program chairman, welcomed J. G. Pfluger, T.N.A. governor Dist. 3; Bill Brothers, T.N.A. president; and E. H. Brooks, past T.N.A. president, all of San Angelo.

Brooks spoke to the more than 50 persons present on United States large cents. The interesting and educational talk was illustrated with a display of these coins.

Members presented 12 exhibits at this special meeting including ancient, foreign and U. S. coins, and gold pieces.

Webb Air Force Base officials have invited the club to have one meeting each quarter of the year at the service club. — W. E. Wozencraft, T.N.A. Rep.



Plans continued for the December meeting and Christmas party at the regular meeting of San Angelo Coin Club held at the Town House Motor Hotel. Twenty nine attended the

meeting.

Nominations for a new slate of officers took place during the business session. — Fred W. Clark, Reporter.



#### DISTRICT FOUR:

A slide set of Colonial coins from the T. N. A. Memorial Library was shown at the recent meetings of Temple Coin Club and Waco Coin Club. — Ronald A. Vasilinda, Sec., Temple Coin Club.



Lyman Bartee  
Governor

#### DISTRICT FIVE:

A display and discussion of large size U. S. currency was presented by Col. Chas. A. Wingo at the recent meeting of Grayson County Coin Club held in Sherman.

Members had an opportunity to see such items as the Jackass note, Lazy Two and the Educational Series. The various types of notes were explained and examples of most were displayed.

At other meetings, slides furnished by the T.N.A. Memorial Library were shown which included coins of Colonial America and Korean coins. — Col. Chas. A. Wingo, T.N.A. Rep.



L. S. Thompson of Howe displayed a type set collection and Mrs. Thompson exhibited an Indian Head cent set at the recent meeting of Texomaland Coin Club in Denison. An extra fine 1877 cent drew special praise from the members. — Col.

Charles A. Wingo, T.N.A. Rep.



The Grayson County Coin Club of Sherman and Texomaland Coin Club of Denison held a joint meeting in November at the Texas Power & Light Co. division office, midway between the two cities.

An auction of approximately 150 lots was held and refreshments were served. Col. Chas. A. Wingo headed the arrangements committee. Assisting were L. P. Ryon, M. J. Reesby and R. Blalack of Sherman; and H. L. Ditto, J. H. Cole, Dr. W. D. Blassingame, R. G. Hall and M. T. Fuller of Denison. — Col. Chas. A. Wingo, T.N.A. Rep.



Mike Brownlee  
Governor

#### DISTRICT SIX:

The La Marque City Club met in October for a program and slides on Mexico. Jane and Don Stoltzenberg had spent their vacation in Mexico City and areas nearby in the homes of friends. Don had his Mexican coin collection for the members to view. Attendance prizes were Mexican coins and books which were awarded to Stoltzenberg, Mayo Warren, Ruby and Hugh Threlkeld. Refreshments were in keeping with the Mexican theme.

The club will hold its annual Christmas party December 7. A turkey dinner will be served followed by a gift exchange and entertainment. Mrs. Chris Johns, governor of Dist. 6 and her family will be special guests at the social. — Ruby Threlkeld, Sec.



Slides on "Silver Coins of the U.S. — Quarters to Dollars" from the 1



Chris Johns  
Governor

N.A. Memorial Library were shown at the recent meeting of Galveston County Coin Club of Texas City.

The club presented a book to Moore Memorial Library in memory of the father of Claude Ressler. Final reports were given on the 9th Coin Jamboree and each chairman said they felt it was the best show in several years.

Plans are being made for the annual Christmas Party December 14 at Nessler Civic Center. — Ruby Threlkeld, T.N.A. Rep.



The Treasure Island Coin Club of Galveston met in October and viewed slides on "Silver Coins of the U. S. - Quarters to Dollars" from the T.N.A. Memorial Library.

Arthur Click is club president and invites new members to join. Ray Barfield is secretary and treasurer. Spice is added to the meetings with attendance prizes and the serving of refreshments.



The auctioneer's hammer fell on the annual 100-lot auction in October for members of the Beaumont Coin Club, according to the club bulletin. The meeting was held in the Community Room of First Security National Bank. Auction committee was composed of T. G. Brown, Jimmie Ellis and C. M. Phelan.

Tentative dates for the annual show in 1968 were set for September 11-15.



Slides on "Commemorative Half Dollars" from the T.N.A. Memorial Library were scheduled to be shown at the November meeting of the Pasadena Coin Club. The club meets in Shipley's Grill on South Bickey St. in Pasadena.

Members were completing plans for the coin show set for December 2-3 at Gulfgate Auditorium.

## DISTRICT SEVEN:

The Alamo Coin Club of San Antonio is well into its membership drive with a United States \$5 gold piece to be awarded to the member responsible for signing up the most members (new or former) from September 1 until the annual Christmas party.



Graves Rouse  
Governor

Drawings will be held to see which members participating in the drive will be given an A.N.A. membership. One of the new members will be selected to receive a T.N.A. membership and one year's dues in the Alamo club.

Club members are seeking a new meeting place to accommodate the growing club but at present are meeting in the Ruiz House at the rear of the Witte Museum. If you are visiting in San Antonio on the second or fourth Tuesday of the month, you are invited to visit. — Ray Whyborn, Pres.



## DISTRICT EIGHT:

New officers were elected to serve in 1968 for the Harlingen Coin Club and include Clark Dixon, president; Francis Fullen, vice president; and Ozzie Svenson, secretary-treasurer.



Clarence Davis  
Governor

The club meets the first and third Mondays at the C. P. & L. building.



Mr. and Mrs. George Mather were scheduled to present a program on "The New Australian Coins" at one

of the semi-monthly meetings of World Coin Club of Corpus Christi in November. Another program planned was to be "Korean Coinage Conversation pieces."

Meetings are held at Parkdale Community Room.



A numismatic quiz was conducted by Miriam Gilmore at the October meeting of the San Benito Coin Club which meets at Palmville Housing Project.

Prizes were announced for a games night November 30.



Over 2,000 attended the 6th annual Liberty Coin Club show held in October at Memorial Coliseum in Corpus Christi.

Best in show was awarded Ray von Rosenberg of Taft with outstanding award plaques being given to Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Robbins, Mrs. George Mather, Jack Morgan and W. B. Slatte.

Receiving superior award plaques were W. R. Robbins, George Mather, E. J. Kane and Mrs. Fred Floerke. Mrs. Wallace Perry received two plaques in this category. Meritorious

award plaques were awarded to Ritchey Cleundening, two to Henry Foster and three to Mrs. Perry.

In the junior division, an outstanding award was presented to Richard Brown and David Johnson, cousins who collaborated on an exhibit superior to Tina Shockley and meritorious award and exhibit of merit to Sharon Drahenberg. Philip Goodrich was also awarded the exhibit of merit.

Novice class entries won outstanding for Richard Ricketts, superior for Betty Joyce Johnson, meritorious for Donald Johnson and exhibit of merit for Charles Mensay.

Margarite and Salvador Garza furnished refreshments for the game night meeting of the club on October 31. Hot tamales, a variety of Mexican bakery goodies made the meeting a memorable one. A report of the successful annual coin show was made by various committee chairmen. C. H. Roberts was presented a 1950D nickel for selling the most tickets for the special drawing. Thirty-three were present for the meeting. — Gladys Robbins, Publicity.



Lee Belannon acted as secretary for Corpus Christi Coin Club while the secretary and treasurer, Mr. and Mrs. Lamar Folda, were on vacation. Thirty members and guests were present for the October 9 meeting.

The program for the evening was "Show and Tell," directed by Mrs. Belannon. Items shown included a Queen Victoria medal from a pen pal in England, the British Trade dollar; a set of 1883 "no cents" V-nickels, gold plated and ni-plated, a 1930 coin catalogue, a plastic page of coins taken from circulation in 1966, an 1811 Cornish penny, New Zealand and Australian decimal coins, the last Mexican 25 centavo piece, a string of cowrie shells brought home from the Pacific theater by a service



**CORPUS CHRISTI WINNER** — Ray von Rosenberg of Taft again took top honors as best in show at the October Liberty Coin Club show held at Memorial Coliseum in Corpus Christi. Ray exhibits extensively over the state and has won many honors.

man, a Bugs Bunny Franklin half dollar.

Club president, Sam Bassons, gave the program on "History is People" at the October 23 meeting. He showed a crown coin from each of ten countries which depicted a person and told briefly how that person had influenced history. The coins were from the 18th, 19th and 20th centuries and the countries represented were Belgium, Bolivia, Brazil, England, France, Germany, Mexico, the Netherlands, Russia and Venezuela. The program was warmly received by the 24 members and guests present in the community room of Gulfway National Bank. — Norma Mather, Publicity.



#### DISTRICT ELEVEN:

New officers were elected for Moore County Coin Club of Dumas at the monthly meeting held at the Savings and Loan Assn. building. Clay Spirllock will serve as president; Darrell Reynolds, vice president; J. N. Weaver, secretary, and Marlyn Carrrell, treasurer.



Troy H. Coan  
Governor

Troy H. Coan presented a program on "U. S. Regular Issue Gold Coins," another program furnished by the T.N.A. Memorial Library. After the business meeting and program, an auction was conducted by Jack Hickman. — Troy H. Coan, Gov. Dist. XI.



Meeting nights of XIT Coin Club of Dalhart have changed to the third Tuesday of each month. The club recently changed the club name from Dalton Hartley also. Members meet at Western Skies Motor Inn in the

#### Starlite Room.

Mr. Dyess presented a program on "U. S. Regular Issue Coins, 3c through 20c," a slide set furnished by the T.N.A. Memorial Library. — Troy H. Coan, Gov. Dist. XI.



The Amarillo Coin Club met at the Herring Hotel in the XIT Room with 19 present. John Goodman, club president, appointed a nominating committee to select a slate of new officers. Election will be held at the December meeting.

Also planned for December is the annual Christmas auction with all proceeds going to needy families.

A program on "U. S. Regular Issue Gold Coins," furnished by the T.N.A. Memorial Library, was presented by R. G. Boyle. Lloyd Colvin conducted the auction. — Troy H. Coan, Gov. Dist. XI.



#### DISTRICT TWELVE:

Ava Setzer of Center presented the program recently to members of the Shreveport, La., Coin Club. Her topic was "Exhibiting in Competition at Coin Conventions."



Ava Setzer  
Governor

At the recent Louisiana State Fair at Shreveport, the Louisiana Coin Exchange operated a booth in the Merchant's Building. Assisting at the booth were Nelson and Lomise Haney, Ava Setzer and Odelle Harrison. Much interest was created in numismatics at the Fair and two coin exhibits were on display.

Hank Rodgers of Shreveport is up and doing very nicely after recent surgery.

The Center, Texas, newspaper fea-

tuned a short article about Ava Setzer and her program given to members of the Shreveport club.

Please send East Texas club news to Box 329, Center, Tex. — **Ava Setzer, Gov. Dist. 12.**



#### DISTRICT THIRTEEN:

Roger Paulk, president of Wichita Falls Stamp & Coin Club, announced plans at a recent meeting of the November 11-12 coin show set by Northern Texas - Southern Oklahoma Association of Coin Clubs in Lawton,



Wm. Rust  
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OIN is scarcely a year old, following a year of preparation by The Committee-of-Nine (Hal Bavaird, Federico Claveria, Ivan Culbertson, John Fies, Maurice Gould, Virgil Hancock, Abe Kosoff, Lawrence Morton, Randolph Zander) named at the 1966 international show in Los Angeles, Calif.

OIN is the international section of ANA, with OIN members from around the world. OIN plans, after the first five years, to hold its conventions in various foreign countries. It already is operating for its members a coin-attributing (not coin authenti-

cating) service. Its plans are to supply the foreign coin articles to *The Numismatist*, to arrange re-printing of worthwhile books and articles on foreign coins, to sponsor original texts and to put out its own quarterly publication, and OIN on November 1, 1967 launched the drive to raise the \$50,000.00 needed to set up a coin-authenticating service in either Washington, D.C. (in conjunction with The Smithsonian Institution's museum), or in New York City (with the American Numismatic Society.) With modern counterfeiting (of coins not even scarce) having reached such dangerous proportions, both ANA and the Professional Numismatists Guild have taken interest in becoming co-sponsors of that drive for funds.

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## Collector Enjoys A Coin Show

BY BILL MILLER  
Gustine, Tex.

Each year the San Angelo Coin Club sponsors a show and bourse on the weekend following Labor Day. As an "average" collector, who has attended several different shows and conventions recently, I want to say I heartily enjoyed this one.

The dealers and exhibitors were most friendly and helpful. So were the entire staff of the Town House Motor Hotel, whose Cotillion Room housed the show. Everything seemed to be convenient, my room overlooked my parked car, and across the street I could see the familiar B&B Trading Post of my longtime acquaintance, and friend in numismatics, particularly T.N.A., Mr. E. H. Brooks.

Among the many interesting money displays, was the best U. S. Gold coinage type set I have seen, exhibited by Henry Bliznak who also had a dealer's table - an arrangement that seemed available to all exhibitors, and one thing I appreciated. He was very patient with me when I wanted to know why he didn't display a choice \$4 Stella coin and a \$50 octagonal slug, gently informing me of their tremendous value and rarity.

I enjoyed an early morning talk with Bill Brothers, who I chanced to meet in the coffee shop. He invited me over to his table and gave me some very valuable information on disposing of some duplicate coins and currency (always a problem) and also helped me locate some coins I wanted to buy for my collection. Brothers is an officer in T.N.A. and was working hard in the conduction of the show.

I enjoyed talking to my District Governor Lyman Barbee of Austin. I renewed pleasant relations with

dealers, Henry Stitzell of Crandell and Douglas Weaver of Waco. But it was the general feeling I enjoyed most. Everyone was friendly. I encountered no irritations, major or minor, even outside the show, and I get the feeling that the hobby belongs more to the collectors and less to the speculators now.

I plan to attend next year, come what may.

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## NEW ZEALAND GOES DECIMAL

Last July, New Zealand changed over to decimal currency after a year of massive publicity campaigns using radio, newspapers and television to educate the public. Both the old and the new currency will be accepted as legal tender until all business machines have been converted which should be achieved by December, 1968.

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# Republic of Texas Notes and Warrants

Numbers by Criswell

Fine-Very Fine Condition with each piece housed in an acetate holder.

P1	\$65.00	CF12	30.00
P2	65.00	CF14	75.00
V2	17.50	A1	8.95
C1	25.00	A2	9.95
C2	20.00	A3	12.95
C3	17.50	A4-A7	6.95 ea.
C4	15.00	A8	16.95
C5	17.50	A9	175.00
C6	65.00	AW1	30.00
HW1	25.00	AW2	25.00
HW1A	25.00	AW3	25.00
HW2	15.00	AW4	30.00
HW3	15.00	AW5	25.00
HW4	15.00	AW6	35.00
HW5	15.00	AW7	35.00
HW6	25.00	AW8	25.00
HW7	15.00	AW9	20.00
HW8	25.00	AW10	30.00
HW9	15.00	W1	60.00
HW10	15.00	W2	60.00
HW12	25.00	W3	20.00
H3A	45.00		
H4	45.00	\$1 Bank of Texas	12.50
H9	60.00	Uncut sheet 4 notes	50.00
H10A	60.00	\$1 Kelsey Douglass	10.00
H14	100.00	\$2 Kelsey Douglass	12.00
H15A	35.00	\$3 Kelsey Douglass	15.00
H16	25.00	\$5 Kelsey Douglass	12.00
H17	12.50	Uncut sheet \$2-2-3-5	65.00
H17A	12.50		
H18	17.50	\$3 Bank of Texas	30.00
H19	17.50	\$10 Commercial and	
H21	17.50	Agricultural Bank	100.00
H21A	12.50	\$1 Briscoe Harris	100.00
H-22-H27	60.00 ea.	\$3 Briscoe Harris	100.00
CF1	12.50	Set-Kelsey Douglass	65.00
CF2 Does not exist			
CF3 Does not exist			
CF4 Does not exist			
CF5	17.50	<u>Special Starter Sets</u>	
CF6	30.00	\$1 thru \$100 Republic Notes	
CF7	12.50	(A1-A8) Very Fine	69.50
CF7A	17.50	\$10, \$20, \$50 Government Notes	
CF8 Does not exist		Sam Houston issue	39.50
CF9	30.00	Lot of 10 Different Republic	
CF10	12.50	of Texas Warrants	95.00
CF11	22.50		

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